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E.O. 11642: XGDS-1  
TAGS: MUNC, US, SF, UR, GW  
SUBJECT: SOVIET DEMARCHE ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS  
DEVELOPMENT BY SAG

REF: STATE 188207

1. SOVIET AMBASSADOR FALIN OFFICIALLY DELIVERED TO  
FONMIN GENSCHER ON AUGUST 9 THE TASS STATEMENT ON THE  
ALLEGED SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR WEAPON DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAM. FALIN'S PRESENTATION FOLLOWED THE SAME LINES  
AS VASEY'S DEMARCHE IN WASHINGTON REPORTED REFTEL.

2. STATE SECRETARY VAN WELL BRIEFED THE AMBASSADOR  
THE SAME DAY ON FALIN'S MEETING WITH GENSCHER. IN HIS  
REMARKS, FALIN HAD INTIMATED THAT THE FRG HAD CON-  
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TRIBUTED TO SOUTH AFRICA'S ACQUIRING A NUCLEAR  
WEAPON CAPABILITY. HE REQUESTED THAT FRG USE ALL  
POSSIBLE CHANNELS AND POSSIBILITIES TO STOP THE SOUTH  
AFRICAN NUCLEAR WEAPON PROGRAM. VAN WELL THOUGHT  
THAT THE FRG HAD BEEN SINGLED OUT IN THIS REGARD.

3. VAN WELL SAID THAT FRG WOULD:

--INSTRUCT THE FRG AMBASSADOR IN PRETORIA  
TO INFORM THE SAG OF THE SOVIET DEMARCHE  
AND REQUEST A STATEMENT OF THE SAG'S POSITION.

--INFORM THE US AND UK AND REQUEST CONSULTATIONS  
FOLLOWING STUDY OF THE SOVIET ALLEGATIONS.

--INFORM THE FRG MISSION TO THE UN, SO THAT  
THE SOVIET DEMARCHE COULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT  
IN THE PREPARATIONS FOR LAGOS.

4. ACCORDING TO THE PRELIMINARY GERMAN ANALYSIS, THE  
TASS STATEMENT WAS PROMPTED BY REAL CONCERN ON THE  
ONE HAND AND A DESIRE TO MAKE PROPAGANDA ON THE OTHER.  
THE LATTER CONSIDERATION DETERMINED THE TIMING OF THE  
STATEMENT, JUST PRIOR TO THE LAGOS CONFERENCE. VAN  
WELL WAS ALSO STRUCK BY HOW FORCEFUL THE LANGUAGE OF  
THE STATEMENT WAS. HE NOTED THAT BY MAKING THE  
STATEMENT AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME THE SOVIETS ONCE  
AGAIN WERE NOT BEING HELPFUL IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

5. THE FONOFF HAS ANNOUNCED THE PURPOSE OF FALIN'S  
CALL (EXPLAINED THE TASS STATEMENT) AND STATED THAT  
THE FRG, AS A SIGNATORY OF THE NPT AND SUPPORTER OF  
ITS AIMS, WOULD EXAMINE THE SOVIET STATEMENT AND  
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"COLLECT THE NECESSARY INFORMATION."  
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